CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising:

(a) a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable copper;

(b) a source of salicylic acid or a physiologically acceptable derivative thereof; and

(c) vitamin C.

2. A composition according to claim 1, further comprising (d) a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable manganese.

3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising (e) a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable iron and (f) a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable sulfur.

4. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable zinc.

5. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the said metals are present in the form of salts with organic or inorganic acids.

6. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which components (a) and (b) are present as a copper salicylate complex.

7. A composition according to claim 5, wherein the salts are the same or different and are selected from orotates, aspartates, gluconates, tartrates, citrates, lactates and acetates.

8. A composition according to claim 5 wherein the salts are the same or different and are selected from chlorides, bromides, iodides, phosphates and sulphates.

9. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the derivative of salicylic acid is sodium salicylate.

10. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims comprising:

(a) 15 to 60 parts by weight copper gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable copper other than copper gluconate is used;

(b) 300 to 600 parts by weight sodium salicylate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when salicylic acid or a physiologically acceptable derivative thereof other than sodium salicylate is used; and

(c) 200 to 1000 parts by weight vitamin C.

the parts by weight referred to being based on the total weight of these ingredients in the composition.

11. A composition according to claim 10, further comprising 15 to 60 parts by weight manganese gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable manganese other than manganese gluconate is used.

12. A composition according to claim 10 or claim 11, further comprising 15 to 60 parts by weight of iron gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable iron other than iron gluconate is used, and 15 to 60 parts by weight of sulfur.

13. A composition according to any one of claims 10 to 12, further comprising 15 to 60 parts by weight zinc gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable zinc other than zinc gluconate is used.

14. A composition according to claim 10, comprising:

(a) 25 to 40 parts by weight copper gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable copper other than copper gluconate is used;

(b) 350 parts by weight sodium salicylate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when salicylic acid or a physiologically acceptable derivative thereof other than sodium salicylate is used; and

(c) 400 parts by weight vitamin C.

the parts by weight referred to being based on the total weight of these ingredients in the composition.

15. A composition according to claim 14, further comprising 25 to 40 parts by weight manganese gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable manganese other than

manganese gluconate is used.

16. A composition according to claim 14 or claim 15, further comprising 25 to 40 parts by weight of iron gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable iron other than iron gluconate is used, and 25 to 40 parts by weight of sulfur.

17. A composition according to any one of claims 14 to 16, further comprising 25 to 40 parts by weight zinc gluconate, or equivalent amount of active ingredient when a physiologically acceptable source of assimilable zinc other than zinc gluconate is used.

18. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims for use in the treatment of the human or animal body.

19. Use of a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 17 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment or prevention of a neoplastic disease.

20. Products containing:

(a) a composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17; and

(b) vitamin C and/or one or more amino acids and/or nicotinic acid,

as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in the treatment of neoplastic disease.